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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

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1. The patent application of:

Inventor(s): **WILLIAM D. SIGWORTH**

Title: **"COUPLING AGENTS FOR NATURAL FIBER-FILLED POLYOLEFINS"**

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2. Application

a. New Application
b. Divisional Continuation-in-Part of U. S. Application Serial No. 10/412,981, filed on April 14, 2003.

3. sheets of drawings.

4. Oath or Declaration (Total pages - 1- page)

a. newly executed (original copy)
b. copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional application)

5. Incorporation By Reference

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4 above, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

6. An assignment of the invention to **CROMPTON CORPORATION**, and cover sheet.

7. Power of Attorney

8. A copy of Information Disclosure Statement/PTO 1449 from prior application.

9. Preliminary Amendment

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10. (X) Return Receipt Postcard

11. () Petition for 3 month Extension of Time in U.S. Serial No.

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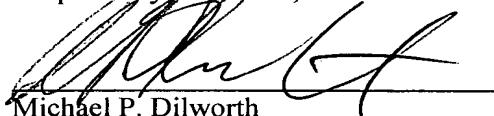
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